

River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024
Municipal Building

Board Members Present: Laurie LaMotte, Amy Hendee, Beth Stokes, Victoria Stuppy
Board Members Absent: Annie Craddock
Others Present: Jeff Weaver, Barbara Maurer

Laurie LaMotte called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM with a quorum present.

Ms. LaMotte motioned to approve the minutes of May 1. Amy Hendee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. LaMotte discussed the Father's Day event lack of participation leading to its cancellation and suggested ideas for 2025 that might include partnering with privately-owned town entities. She asked Councilman Weaver to bring the matter to the Council for clarification on policy.

The Board reviewed the survey recommendations in order to provide the Council with a priority list. Councilman Weaver suggested several buckets based on what was easily achievable at no or low cost; achievable with a more significant investment; and lastly, wish list items or what could be deemed 'pie in the sky.' Victoria Stuppy will reorganize items and will provide the priority list to the Board and Councilman Weaver.

Ms. LaMotte reviewed budgetary items previously shared with all Board members and made a motion to approve the expenditures. Ms. Hendee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stuppy provided further information about licensing a film and renting equipment for a Movie in the Park event. Given the expense, Ms. LaMotte suggested the Board table this event until such time as the Board is able to partner with others to share in the costs.

Ms. LaMotte proposed June 30 from 6 to 8 PM for a Music in the Park event featuring The Bears musical group. Ms. Hendee volunteered to reach out to food trucks. Ms. LaMotte moved to approve, Ms. Hendee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed both CPR and Hurricane Preparedness classes. The cost per person for the CPR class exceeds the budget and Beth Stokes will continue to explore options. She also suggested reaching out to Insurance Agent, Chad Sittig for a Hurricane Preparedness class.

The Board discussed a quarterly game day given the success of the previous. Ms. Hendee agreed to schedule the next event.

The Board reviewed the remainder of the calendar year and Ms. LaMotte proposed dates for the events that had previously been discussed. The following dates were provisionally submitted: Pumpkin Palooza, October 26; Friendsgiving, November 23; and the Holiday Tree Lighting, December 6. The Board will also take part in National Night Out once that has been scheduled.

The Board discussed the upcoming Independence Day celebration. Ms. Stuppy provided an update on the number of volunteers and also reviewed the Sign Up Genius form. Ms. LaMotte will provide further guidance on volunteer assignments and times. She also proposed the Board reinstitute the cake walk game. A logistics meeting was scheduled for June 26. Further, the next scheduled Advisory Board meeting date, July 3, was changed to a set-up date for the celebration. A new Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting date will be scheduled.

There being no further business, Ms. LaMotte moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hendee. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.


Submitted by Victoria Stuppy